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Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association

2001

Annual Report

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Board of Directors

The following served as directors in 2001:

			Term
James Harvey	Chairman	NDA	til2003 Annual mtg.
Leo Tomasiewicz	Vice chairman	LDDA	til2002 Annual mtg.
Sandra Bathgate	Secretary Treasurer	LDDA	til2002 Annual mtg.
Jarrod Klassen	Director	LDDA	til2001 Annual mtg.
Ron Tittle	Director	SWDA	til2002 Annual mtg.
Willie Karwandy	Director	SWDA	til2001 Annual mtg.
Don Fox	Director, ICDC rep	SEDA	til2001 Annual mtg.

Four development areas were created by *The Irrigation Act, 1996*: Northern, South Western, South Eastern and Lake Diefenbaker

The Board of Directors are elected by member irrigation district delegates at the annual meeting. Each member Irrigation District is entitled to send one delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. Two directors are elected from SWDA, four from LDDA, one each from NDA and SEDA. Currently under *The Irrigation Act, 1996* full membership is open to all irrigation district in the province.

Mandate

The mandate of SIPA is to represent the interests of member districts and , if sufficient interest exists, the interest of all irrigators in Saskatchewan.

Purpose

The purpose of SIPA is to provide a focus group capable of:

- coordinating, directing and participating in activities related to irrigation policy development
- coordinating, directing and participating in program implementation
- research and demonstration prioritization
- coordinating, directing and participating in economic development initiatives
- participating in public relations for irrigation
- providing a common voice for issues concerning irrigators.

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2001 Activities

Private Irrigators as Members

The Irrigation Act was changed as we had requested to allow SIPA to include private irrigators as full voting members in SIPA so that we can represent all irrigation in Saskatchewan. We have since been reviewing our bylaws to determine a fair and equitable way of incorporating this change.

Meetings with SK Water president, Claire Kirkland and MLA's

A)Irrigation Strategy

The board of directors participated in workshops and met with Claire Kirkland to discuss the ongoing economic benefits of irrigation in our province and the need for funding for an infil/rehab policy such as a new federal provincial industry partnership to develop a new Pawbed type program to keep the momentum going. We met with Sask Water to review the options proposed for development of an irrigation strategy business plan for presentation to the board of Sask Water and the cabinet. We discussed the need and potential of irrigation in Saskatchewan and the importance of developing a critical mass of irrigation in Saskatchewan.

B) Board of Sask Water

We discussed the importance of having irrigators present at the board table of Sask Water.

C)Arbitration

In 1999, arbitration was not put in the Act but during third reading the minister stated in the house that they would be working closely with SIPA to set up a policy. We since have met with the president of Sask Water to discuss setting up a workable policy.

We also met with other MLA's to discuss the benefits of irrigation and how expansion is being hampered without any irrigation policy.

2001 Annual Report

Our annual report was prepared and presented to legislature including our resolutions along with the history of irrigation development and the need for ongoing partnerships.

Field Days

A) CSIDC Field Day - Outlook

We participated with a booth at the field day as one of the partners in the executive management committee for the centre.

B) ICDC Field Days - Board members participated in irrigation demonstration field days

C) PFRA Field Trip - Don Fox participated in tours of the harvesting of the corn silage on their effluent irrigation project and the value added food chain to the feed lot with PFRA staff presence.

Communication Package

A) Irrigation Website - We participated with ICDC in the design of a provincial website that when complete will provided irrigation news and information to the public as well as potential and current irrigators.

B) News Release - We had a news releases designed that lead to interviews and articles about the untapped potential of irrigation and the irrigators role to help stabilize agriculture and create economic development in Saskatchewan.

Meridian Dam - A director attended a public information session at Leader regarding joint Albert Saskatchewan study on the feasibility of the dam.

Re - Inventing Agriculture Conference - Our chairman, James Harvey attended the conference in Saskatoon which gave him opportunity to meet with provincial ministers and department officials to discuss SIPA's and irrigation's role in agriculture and the cattle industry in Saskatchewan.

2001 Annual Conference

The board has worked at attracting presenters that will provide an information packed session and should give the participants a chance to discuss how irrigation can play a role in the revitalization of rural Saskatchewan.

SIPA Representatives

SIPA has two representative on the ICDC board of directors (Don Fox and Gordon Kent) and for 2001 Don Fox also represented irrigators on the executive management team of SIDC as per the terms of the MOU. Don Fox attended executive management meetings as per our agreement

In 2001, the board of directors had 7 meetings todate in Central Butte, Outlook, Moose Jaw plus conference calls and participation in various tours and meetings.

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Auditor's Report

To the Members
Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association

I have examined the statement of financial position of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association as at March 31, 2001 and the statement of operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Associations' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. I have performed such tests as I deemed necessary to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2001 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Charlene Nelson

Central Butte, Saskatchewan
November, 2001

Charlene Nelson, Accountant

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Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2001

ASSETS

	2001	2000
Current Assets		
Cash	13687	16368
Accounts receivable	1088	565
Prepaid expenses	268	
	15043	16933

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	8783	6166
Surplus	6260	10767
	15043	16933

Directors:

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the period ended March 31, 2001

	2001	2000
Income		
Membership fees - full (note 1)	5370	5572
Membership fees - associate	452	302
Donations and Grants (note 2)	1058	0
Annual conference - registration	2849	1565
Annual conference - sponsors	700	1400
Annual conference - display	575	875
Fund Raising	495	
Promotions		80
	11499	9794
Expenses		
Administration	187	3073
Administration - phone	895	788
Conference	4599	2239
Fund Raising	381	
Meeting - mileage	4265	3251
Meeting - per diems	4545	3690
Meeting - expenditures	851	533
Promotion - signage		45
Promotion	283	153
	16006	13772
Surplus for the period	-4507	-3978
Surplus beginning of period	10767	14745
Surplus, end of year	6260	10767

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Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2001

1. Purpose

Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association (SIPA) became a reality in 1996 with the passing of the *Irrigation Act, 1996*. SIPA is to provide a focus group capable of coordinating, directing and participating in activities related to irrigation policy development, program implementation, research and demonstration prioritization, economic development initiatives, and public relations to promote and foster irrigation development in our province. We are to provide a common voice for issues concerning irrigators.

2. Memberships

Membership is open to all irrigators in the province, either as projects or individuals in the business of serving irrigators.

a) Currently full membership, according to the bylaws, is restricted to irrigation districts as defined in the irrigation Act, 1996. Each member Irrigation District is entitled to one voting delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. But with the changes made to the Irrigation Act, 1996, we are proposing to change the bylaws to allow all irrigators to become full members.

b) Associated memberships shall be granted at the discretion of the Board to private corporations who have an interest in irrigation activities and other third parties who wish to participate in SIPA.

3. Donations and Grants

Included in Grants and donations in 1998 was a grant of $20,000 from Sask Water Corporation of which a minimum of $5000 shall be spent by SIPA on promoting irrigation in Saskatchewan through an effective communication strategy. The term of the agreement shall be from January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2002.

4. Agreements

The Board of directors has agreed to appoint two directors to the board of the Irrigation Crop Diversification's Corporation of which one of these directors shall sit on the executive management committee of the Canada - Saskatchewan Crop Diversification Centre.